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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1458**

**House Bill No. 983\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 8, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Birth" has the same meaning as "live birth" as defined in § 68-3-102;
- (2) "Eligible employee" means a teacher, principal, supervisor, or other individual required by law to hold a valid license of qualification for employment in a local education agency and who has been employed full-time with a local education agency for at least twelve (12) consecutive months;
- (3) "Local education agency" or "LEA" has the same definition as used in § 49-3-302;
- (4) "Newly placed minor child" means the adoption of a minor child that results in a change of custody of that child; and
- (5) "Stillbirth" has the same meaning as defined in § 68-3-102.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an eligible employee must be granted absence from work with pay for a period of time equal to six (6) work weeks after the birth or stillbirth of the employee's child or the employee's adoption of a newly placed minor child upon the employee giving thirty-days' notice to the employee's LEA; provided, however, that if an employee learns of the birth, stillbirth, or adoption of the employee's child less than thirty (30) days in advance of the birth, stillbirth, or adoption, then the employee must give notice of the birth, stillbirth, or adoption to the employee's



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LEA as soon as reasonably possible to be eligible to receive pay granted pursuant to this subsection (b).

(c) An eligible employee who is granted leave pursuant to this section shall not be required to use the employee's sick, annual, or other leave for the leave taken pursuant to this section. The leave granted pursuant to this section counts toward the employee's use of leave required to be given by this state as an employer under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (29 U.S.C. § 2601, et seq.) and § 4-21-408.

(d)

(1) An eligible employee may receive no more than six (6) work weeks of paid leave pursuant to subsection (b) within a twelve-month period.

(2) The six (6) work weeks of paid leave granted pursuant to this section does not need to be consecutively taken; provided, that the paid leave granted pursuant to this section is used within twelve (12) months of the birth or stillbirth of the employee's child or the employee's adoption of a newly placed minor child.

(e) Each LEA shall establish policies for implementing this section.

(f) Paid leave under this section must be paid at one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's salary. For the purpose of calculating employment anniversary dates, absence from work pursuant to this section is considered full-time employment.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to leave taken on or after such date.

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 255**

**House Bill No. 74\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-116(1), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1421, is amended by deleting the language "general educational development (GED(R)) credential" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1422, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead:

(b) The department of labor and workforce development may make recommendations to the state board of education relative to assessments or criteria leading to the award of a high school equivalency credential. The department may, as needed, consult with or request assistance from other state agencies in performing its duties under this section. The state board shall review the department's recommendations. Successful completion of any assessment or criteria approved by the state board pursuant to this subsection (b) must lead to the award of a high school equivalency credential from the department.

(c) The state board of education may promulgate rules to effectuate this section. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-102(a)(1)(C)(ii), is amended by



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deleting the language "general educational development certificate (GED(R))" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-112(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-213(1), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) preparation" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-106(3), is amended by deleting the language "its equivalent, which shall include a general educational development (GED(R)) certificate" and substituting "a high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-505, is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diplomas" and substituting "high school equivalency credentials approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-36-302(a)(4), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R)" and substituting "adult education programming that includes preparation and testing toward obtaining a high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education,".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-142(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or other scholastic testing" and substituting "adult education programming that includes preparation and testing toward obtaining a high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-702(15)(B)(v), is amended by deleting the language "the GED(R)" and substituting "a high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-202(a)(4), is amended by

deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(1)(A)(iii), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R) diploma" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(1)(C), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R) diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended by deleting subdivisions (20) and (26).

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-905(b)(2), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-908(a), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R) credential" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 19. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-908(a)(4), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 20. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-918, is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 21. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-926(a), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "high school

equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 22. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-929(b), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 23. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-937(a), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 24. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-111(a), is amended by deleting the language ", GED(R), or HiSET(R)" and substituting "or high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 25. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2403(4)(l), is amended by deleting the language ", a GED(R) or other alternatives to high school completion" and substituting "or obtainment of a high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 26. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2409(b), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R) classes" and substituting "Adult education programming that includes preparation toward obtaining a high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 27. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3001(c)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 28. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3017(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 29. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3017(d), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R), HiSET(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 30. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050, is amended by deleting the language ", GED(R), or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "or high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 31. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(g), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 32. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-101(c), is amended by deleting the language "GED certificate" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 33. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-104(b)(1)(C), is amended by deleting the language "diploma" and substituting "credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 34. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-105(b)(1)(C), is amended by deleting the language "diploma" and substituting "credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 35. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-207(3)(B)(i), is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 36. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-208(i)(2), is amended by deleting the language "general education development (GED(R)) classes and testing" and substituting "adult education programming that includes preparation and testing toward obtaining a high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 37. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-7-104(h), is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma (GED)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 38. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-7-104(j), is amended by deleting the language "GED shall only be deemed to be satisfied if the candidate can demonstrate that

the candidate has obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent in educational training as recognized by the state board of education by providing the board with the candidate's diploma, GED certificate or other official documentation" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education is only deemed to be satisfied if the candidate can demonstrate that the candidate has obtained a high school diploma or high school equivalency credential as recognized by the state board of education by providing the board with the candidate's diploma, high school equivalency credential, or other official documentation".

SECTION 39. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-419(g)(2)(F)(ii), is amended by deleting the language "GED course work" and substituting "adult education programming that includes preparation toward obtaining a high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 40. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-3-110(b)(2), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R) diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 41. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-4-110(c)(2)(A)(i), is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma (GED(R))" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 42. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-305(b)(5), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) recognized by a state education department" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 43. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-307(b)(5), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) recognized by a state education department" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 44. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-312(b)(4), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) recognized by a state education department" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".



SECTION 45. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-6-305(2), is amended by deleting the language "general education development (GED(R)) certificate" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 46. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-13-303(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "general educational development (GED(R)) certificate" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 47. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-18-109, is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma (GED(R))" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 48. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-19-111(c)(3), is amended by deleting the language ", general equivalency diploma (GED(R)), or HiSET(R) diploma" and substituting "or high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 49. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-76-202(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "its equivalent, which shall include a general educational development (GED®) certificate" and substituting instead "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 50. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-109(2), is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 51. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-127(e)(2), is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 52. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-16-104(a)(3), is amended by deleting the language "high school or secondary school equivalency, such certificate being duly certified by state educational authorities" and substituting instead "a high school diploma or high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 53. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-244(e)(2), is amended by

deleting the language "general equivalency diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 54. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-102-143(a)(2)(A), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) certificate" and substituting "high school equivalency credential approved by the state board of education".

SECTION 55. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 24**

**House Bill No. 7\***

by deleting "three hundred dollars (\$300)" in subdivision (a)(2) of Section 1 and substituting  
"one hundred dollars (\$100)".

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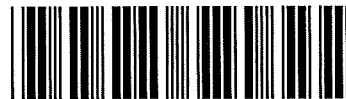
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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 980**

**House Bill No. 1086\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-107, is amended by deleting subsection (e) and substituting instead the following:

(e) In reviewing and evaluating a charter application, an authorizer shall, if applicable, consider the performance, including student growth and achievement, of any charter school operated by the sponsor, governing body, or charter management organization.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-110, is amended by designating subsection (e) as subsection (f) and adding the following as a new subsection (e):

(e) If an LEA's local board of education changes the grade bands for the LEA's elementary schools, middle schools, elementary and secondary schools, or elementary or secondary schools, as those terms are defined in § 49-6-301, then the local board of education shall notify each public charter school authorized by the LEA at least one hundred twenty (120) days before the grade band changes are implemented to allow the public charter school to seek an amendment to the school's charter agreement.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-113, is amended by deleting subsections (b) and (c) and substituting instead the following:

(b) A charter school authorized by the commission is open to students residing within the geographic boundaries of the LEA in which the charter school is located.

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(1) A public charter school may enroll students residing outside the geographic boundaries of the LEA in which the public charter school is located if capacity is available after all eligible in-district students have been enrolled. A public charter school's total enrollment of out-of-district students shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the public charter school's total enrollment.

(2) State school funds must follow a student into the LEA in which the public charter school is located and to which the student transfers.

(3) Tuition may be charged by the LEA in which the public charter school is located and to which a student transfers, as provided in § 49-6-3003.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-113(d), is amended by designating subdivisions (6) and (7) as subdivisions (7) and (8), by deleting subdivision (5), and by adding the following as new subdivisions (5) and (6):

(5)

(A) A public charter school may give enrollment preference to:

(i) "Economically disadvantaged" students, defined in Tennessee's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan established pursuant to the Every Student Succeeds Act (20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.);

(ii) Homeless, foster, runaway, or migrant students; or

(iii) Students eligible for free or reduced-price school meals or milk through the direct certification eligibility guidelines established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751-1769;

(B) A public charter school may request information to verify that a student is "economically disadvantaged" on the application submitted pursuant to subdivision (d)(1) for purposes of the enrollment lottery, but shall not require it.

(6) A public charter school may give enrollment preference to children of the public charter school's employees or to the children of a member of the public charter

school's governing body, not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the public charter school's total enrollment or twenty-five (25) students, whichever is less.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-113(d)(4), is amended by designating subdivisions (B)-(E) as subdivisions (C)-(F) and adding the following as a new subdivision (B):

(B) Students who meet the criteria outlined in subdivision (d)(5), if the enrollment preference is used by the public charter school;

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-122, is amended by deleting subsections (b)-(h) and substituting instead the following:

(b) A public charter school agreement may be revoked by the authorizer if the authorizer determines that the school:

(1) Committed a material violation of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the charter agreement;

(2) Failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward the performance expectations set forth in the charter agreement; or

(3) Failed to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management.

(c)

(1) Each authorizer shall, by August 1, 2023, adopt a progressive intervention policy that outlines the process for charter school intervention if the authorizer determines that a public charter school meets the criteria for revocation under subsection (b), or if the authorizer determines that a public charter school is not complying with this chapter or with the charter agreement.

(2) If an authorizer determines that a public charter school meets the criteria for revocation under subsection (b) or that a public charter school is not complying with this chapter or with the charter agreement, then the authorizer shall promptly notify the public charter school and provide the public charter

school the opportunity to remedy the issue within the timeframe established by the authorizer according to the authorizer's progressive intervention policy.

(3) If the public charter school fails to remedy the issue within the timeframe established by the authorizer according to the authorizer's progressive intervention policy, then the authorizer may issue corrective actions short of revocation; provided, that a corrective action shall not include a financial sanction. Corrective actions short of revocation that may be issued by the authorizer must be outlined in the authorizer's progressive intervention policy.

(4) If the corrective actions fail to remedy the issue, then the authorizer may seek revocation of the charter agreement pursuant to this section.

(5) Each progressive intervention policy must align with the state board of education's quality public charter school authorizing standards adopted pursuant to § 49-13-108(f), and must be reviewed by the state board of education as part of the authorizer quality evaluation required under § 49-13-145.

(d) A charter agreement may be revoked at any time by the authorizer in an emergency situation without the authorizer first having to implement the progressive intervention policy. An emergency situation includes, but is not limited to, instances of fraud; misappropriation of funds; flagrant violation of health and safety laws, rules, and regulations; flagrant disregard of the charter agreement; or similar misconduct.

(e) Thirty (30) days prior to a decision by an authorizer to revoke a charter agreement, the authorizer shall notify the public charter school in writing of the possibility of revocation and the reasons for the possible revocation.

(f) If the authorizer revokes a charter agreement, then the authorizer shall clearly state in writing the reasons for the revocation.

(g) No later than ten (10) days after an authorizer adopts a resolution to revoke a charter agreement, the authorizer shall report the authorizer's decision to the department

of education and shall provide a copy of the resolution that sets forth the authorizer's decision and the reasons for the decision.

(h)

(1) A decision to revoke a charter agreement may be appealed to the commission no later than ten (10) days after the date of the decision, except for revocations based on the violations specified in subsection (a). No later than sixty (60) days after the commission receives a notice of appeal and after the commission provides reasonable public notice, the commission shall hold an open meeting in the LEA in which the public charter school has been operating to conduct a de novo on the record review of the local board of education's decision. In order to overturn a local board of education's decision to revoke a charter agreement, the commission must find that the decision was contrary to this section. If the commission overturns the local board of education's decision to revoke a charter agreement, then the commission shall remand the decision to the local board of education and the local board of education shall remain the authorizer. The commission's decision is final and is not subject to appeal.

(2) This subsection (h) only applies to decisions to revoke a charter agreement for which the local board of education is the authorizer.

(i) Except in an emergency situation, as described in subsection (d), a decision to revoke a charter agreement becomes effective at the close of the school year.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-132, is amended by deleting the language "ages, addresses, dates of attendance," and substituting instead the language "ages, addresses, electronic mail addresses, telephone listings, the most recent school attended, dates of attendance,".

SECTION 8. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.